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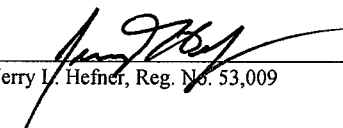
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RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed July 3, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants would like to thank Examiners Warden and Levkovich for the time and courtesy extended to Applicants' representatives during the personal interview of December 5, 2007. Applicants request that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Summary of Interview begins on page 7 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.